

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes – Monthly Meeting**  
**August 15, 2007**

Members Present: Hank Boyer  
Pat Grimwood  
Nita Klug  
Stan Patterson  
Phil Black  
Sarah Shier, Youth Liaison

Others Present: Steve Snyder, Director  
Randi Clifford, Recreation Superintendent  
Bob Ash, Park Superintendent  
Tim Kerbs, Recreation Supervisor  
Steve Hardesty, Golf Pro  
Travis Scheele, Athletic Supervisor  
Darrin Stineman, Salina Journal  
Marie Nelson, KSAL  
Jason Dalton  
Walt Hangstefer  
Larry Werhan  
John Schwartzman  
Bill Mercer  
Joh Reh  
Les Vince

Hank Boyer called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

**I. REPORTS**

**A. Minutes**

The minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**B. Citizens Forum**

Jason Dalton spoke regarding the need for cleaner restrooms and the need to install stall doors in the men's restrooms.

**C. Activity Reports**

**1. Participation Report**

Randi reported that we were still gathering participation information from some of our summer program partners so participation reports for June and July are not complete yet. It is anticipated that we'll have reports available for the summer months by the next meeting. Randi reviewed a report on summer program enrollment comparing weekly totals for both regular and internet enrollments. Enrollment totals were up in both

categories compared to 2006. Internet registrations received during the first week of summer enrollment were at the highest level to date.

**2. Recreation Report**

Randi reported that we were wrapping up summer activities and preparing for the start of fall program enrollment with the recent release of our Fall Activities Guide. Parks and Recreation was again involved with the Saline County Back to School Fair held on August 4<sup>th</sup> and will also be sponsoring the Back to School Bash for middle schoolers at The City teen center. The Municipal Pool will be closing for the season on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are currently being accepted for adult fall baseball and softball leagues along with womens/co-ed volleyball leagues and a middle school soccer league. A new Adult kickball program is also being offered this fall. The Summer Sportsmanship Awards Night is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bicentennial Center. A full slate of trips and tours is also being planned for the fall/winter months.

**3. Park Report**

Bob reported that the Park department's new playground in Oakdale Park is almost finished. This playground was possible as a memorial from donated money from family and friends of Mason Hodges. It features a deck system and net climber that is designed for younger kids.

Bob also reported on the completion of the soccer complex playground that was funded by a donation from the Salina Rotary Club.

**II. PETITIONS and COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Letters**

1. Pat Gilbert wrote thanking the department for the quick attention to the pine trees blocking the view of the playground at Ivy Park
2. Clark Renfro – UMB Bank, wrote thanking the department for our support of the Saline County Tennis Championship
3. Jason De Vore – Kansas Highway Patrol, wrote thanking Bob and the Parks staff for providing picnic tables for their event.
4. Ericka Lysell – CKMHC, wrote thanking the Lakewood staff for providing the variety of programs at the Lakewood Discovery Center & Lakewood Park.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Steve Snyder gave a report on the cost of a potential new private cart storage building. Steve reported that the cost of this building was estimated by an architect to be \$170,000. Payoff calculated by Finance Director, Rod Franz, of this building by user fees would need to be \$400 per stall for the 40 stall storage building over a 40 year period.

Steve also recommended that private cart trail fees should be increased \$3.00 per round to \$10.00 per round for the 2008 season.

Several citizens spoke on the issue of a new cart storage building and related fees and trail fees charged for private golf carts.

Walt Hangstefer spoke against the newly proposed fees saying that many senior golfers were upset by the news of potentially higher fees.

Larry Werhan also spoke against any new fees claiming that in his estimate a building could be built for approximately \$125,000 plus the necessary electrical work. He distributed a written handout to all members of the Advisory Board and the City Staff present.

John Schwartzman spoke on this issue saying that even though he normally walks, many senior golfers use private carts and pay trail fees and an increased fee would cause seniors to quit playing.

Bill Mercer spoke on the issue and was concerned about the date that the new fees would take place. City Staff answered that the proposed fees would be in effect on January 1, 2008, but collection of the fees would not take place for cart storage until the normal March 1, 2008 time frame.

John Reh spoke on this issue and was concerned that the City of Salina provides many recreational opportunities for youth that are not necessarily completely covered by user fees, but that the golf course also provides opportunities for youth and is expected to pay its own way entirely on user fees.

Les Vince also spoke against the higher fees wondering why the City of Salina does not provide a subsidy to the golf course.

The members of the Advisory Board asked several questions to the City Staff to clarify the youth program, the pay off of the proposed building, and similar fees at other golf courses.

After some discussion, the Advisory Board chose to not act on this issue but table it for the September or October meeting. Steve Snyder was directed to come back with more information regarding these fees and similar fees at other golf courses in the state.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

None

There being no further Parks & Recreation business, a motion was made to adjourn the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting at 5:19 p.m.